

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-18 are pending in this application.

The terminal disclaimer filed on November 9, 2009 was not accepted by the Examiner. Applicant submits herewith a revised terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c)(3).

II. DOUBLE PATENTING

Claims 1-18 were rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-11 of U.S. Patent No. 7,407,564 to Hansen ("Hansen").

Applicant submits herewith a revised terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.321(c)(3), thereby obviating the double patenting rejection.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims in this application are patentable over Hansen.

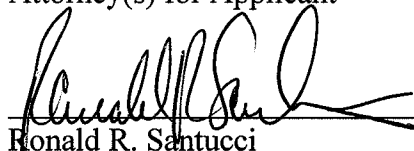
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, it is submitted that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

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